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The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa

The Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa was inaugurated in the year 1898 by Lady Edgar, President of the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Toronto, the first President being Mrs. G. E. Foster.

Objects.

The objects of the Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian history and literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics, and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

Meetings.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held each year on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act.

The regular meetings are held on the Second Friday of each month, October to March inclusive.

Membership.

The Membership Fee is fifty cents annually.

The Society is affiliated with the Royal Society of Canada, the National Council of Women, the Ontario Historical Society, the Historic Landmarks Association, and the Conference of Historical Societies.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

"Love Thou Thy Land."

Article 1, Title.—The organization shall be known as the Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa.

Article 2, Objects.—The objects of the Women's Canadian Historical Society are the encouragement of the study of Canadian History and Literature, the collection and preservation of Canadian historical records and relics, and the fostering of Canadian loyalty and patriotism.

Article 3, Membership.—(a) Active membership shall be conditional upon the payment of the annual fee, and upon the submitting of name and address to the Treasurer.

(b) Honorary membership shall be complimentary.

Article 4, Officers.—The general officers of the Society shall consist of a President, four or more Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Librarian, who with ten members elected by the Society shall form an Executive Committee to control and provide for the general interests of the Society. The President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

Article 5, Fees.—The Annual Fee shall be fifty cents.

Article 6, Federation.—This Society may federate with other Societies of like purpose, or which offer specific advantages if a majority vote of a regular meeting shall so decide, on a recommendation from the Executive.

Article 7, Amendments.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any Annual Meeting; notice of proposed amendment or alteration having been handed in to the Executive in writing one month previous to the Annual Meeting.

Article 8, Policy.—Neither political parties nor religious denominations shall be recognized in the business or membership of the Society, loyalty and patriotism being alone recognized and required.

STANDING ORDERS.

No. 1, Meetings.—(a)The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be held on the 29th day of March, the anniversary of the passing of the British North America Act. Such Meeting shall be for the election of officers, and for the transaction of general business.

(b) The Society shall hold its regular Meetings on the second Friday of each month unless otherwise ordered by the Executive. Open Meetings may be held as deemed advisable.

(c) The President shall call a Meeting at any time for special business, or upon the written request of five members of the Society.

(d) Twelve members shall constitute a quorum at any regular Meeting, and five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Executive.

(e) The Meetings of the Executive shall be held on the Monday preceding the general Meeting, at 10.30 a.m.

(f) In the event of the absence from any Meeting of the President, and Vice-President, the members shall be entitled to elect a presiding officer.

No. 2, Resolutions.—All motions and resolutions at a general Meeting must be presented to the Secretary in writing.

No. 3, Publications.—All correspondence and papers intended for publication must be submitted to the Executive, before being published in any paper, pamphlet or periodical over the name of the Society.

No. 4, Duties of Officers.—(a) The President shall preside at all Meetings of the Society, and conduct them after the prescribed order of business. In the absence of the President, a Vice-President or other presiding officer elected by the Meeting shall preside.

(b) The Recording Secretary shall issue all notices, keep correct minutes, read said minutes at next regular Meeting, keep a correct list of members, have charge of Press Notices and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(c) The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of all correspondence and present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(d) The Treasurer shall receive all fees and other monies, disbursing the same by order of the Executive and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting. All amounts exceeding one dollar shall be paid by cheque, which shall be initialed by the President.

(e) The Librarian shall have charge, and keep a catalogue of all books, pamphlets or other printed matter belonging to the same Society, loaning the same on application of responsible members; and shall present a report at the Annual Meeting.

(f) The Auditor shall examine the Treasurer's accounts before they are submitted to the Annual Meeting.

No. 5, Committees.—Standing committees and sub-committees may be appointed by the Executive as may be found necessary for the efficient carrying on of the business of the Society. Each of such committees shall appoint a convener, who shall present a report to the Executive.

No. 6, Elections.—The Officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting. Should any officer be unable to complete her year, the Executive shall have power to elect her substitute.

No. 7, Amendments.—These standing orders may be amended or added to at any of the regular Meetings of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment having been given at a previous Meeting.

No. 8, Order of Business.—(a) The order of business at the Annual Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes of previous Meeting.
2. Correspondence.
3. President's Remarks.

4. Appointment of members of the Society as Returning Tellers for the voting.
5. Annual Report of Secretaries.
6. Annual Report of the Treasurer.
7. Annual Report of Librarian.
8. Appointment of Auditor.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Amendments to Constitution.
11. Other Business.

(b) The order of business at a general Meeting shall be as follows:—

1. Reading of Minutes.
2. Report of Executive Committee.
3. Business arising out of Minutes.
4. Correspondence.
5. Treasurer's Statement.
6. Librarian's Report.
7. New Business.
8. Papers and Addresses.

(c) The order of business at open Meetings shall be arranged by the Executive.

(d) The order of business for Executive Meetings shall be as follows:—

1. Minutes.
2. Business arising out of Minutes.
3. Correspondence.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Librarian's Report.
6. Report of Conveners,
7. New Business.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT.

Women's Canadian Historical Society of Ottawa

Not since the birth of Christ, more than 1900 years ago, has there dawned a more glorious day than the morning of Monday, November 11th, 1918, when a war-weary world awoke to the sudden realization that the long struggle was ended.

Ottawa was shaken from her usual imperturbability and exulted noisily, and hilariously, for, though peace is still to be attained, the slaughter was stayed, never, it is hoped, to be renewed.

On that momentous day Major General E. W. B. Morrison, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., of Ottawa, fired the last shot at Mons, for the Canadians, at eleven o'clock a.m. And though it is the belief of many that for the ultimate good of the world, and to make them realize the enormity of their crimes, the Germans should have been driven back, and beaten on their own ground, yet the voice of humanity was stronger than that of retribution, and the Allies agreed to a cessation of hostilities, on terms severe enough to ensure a humiliated if not a sufficiently punished people. When the authorized history of the war is written Canada which has been in the thick of the strife from the beginning and has sacrificed men, women, money and materials, in order to make the world safe, will be given her full measure of credit, and while it is not possible to judge at this time of the permanent value of the League of Nations, one thing is certain, that with Canada represented at the Peace Conference, she has attained the status of a Nation in fact, if not in name, and will undoubtedly be a charter member of the League of Nations when it is formed.

Let others praise the women of Canada for the part they have played in helping to win the war, they did what they could, and their work speaks for itself; but, the women of England, what shall we say of them? Just this, that in 1915 they saved the world. When there were no shells, and no men to make them they were asked by Lloyd George if they would save the line. In response 800,000 women went into munition factories, and 5,000,000 in one way or another worked to save England, the line and the world. Canadians may well be proud of their English sisters.

At the outset of the war it was decided to hold only three meetings during the season, in order to allow the members more time for practical patriotic work. This rule has been followed until the armistice was signed, since which time the regular routine of meetings has been resumed. Ten executive and five general meetings have been held since the Annual on April 22nd, 1918, which meeting took place in the Bytown Historical Museum. Two of the executive meetings were also held there but the lack of proper heating facilities renders it impossible to use the building during the winter months.

The Society has received a number of articles of historic value for the Museum among which are an autograph copy of Gustavius Wicksteed's Waifs of Verse, from the estate of the late Col. Dennis; Queen Victoria Jubilee Medals and Masonic pamphlets from Ex. Mayor Cook, and old map of the City of Ottawa from Mr. E. Green, besides other articles. A complete list of donations will be published in the Annual Report 1918-19.

Mrs. J. M. Somerville, who was appointed Convener of Programme Committee for the year, in place of Mrs. J. P. Foran, resigned, conceived the happy idea of inviting the different women's organizations in Ottawa to send to the Historical Society an account of war work undertaken. To this end a circular was mailed to each organization asking that a synopsis of patriotic activities be sent to this Society to be incorporated in a volume of Transactions, so that future generations may learn how Ottawa women helped to win the war. The response has been very gratifying.

At the November meeting, Mrs. J. B. Simpson gave a list of articles received for the Museum with description of each, and names of donors. Special mention was made of "Whirlpool Heights" written by Mrs. E. A. Cruikshank, a member of this Society, which book has been sold for the benefit of the Red Cross, but the proceeds are now to be given through the generosity of the author, to this Society.

The general meeting December 18th, was an open one, held at the residence of the President, Mrs. J. Lorn Mcdougall. Mrs.

S. J. McLean read an inspiring paper on "Peace" dealing more particularly with local manifestations of joy on Armistice Day and Mrs. J. B. Simpson gave a sketch of the life of Hon. John Costigan, who devoted 55 years to the service of the state, having been member of three legislative bodies, New Brunswick 1861-1866; member of House of Commons 1867-1907 and Senate from 1907-1916, the year of his death. Mrs. McDougall entertained the members and visitors at tea.

At the January meeting Mrs. Somerville gave a very delightful paper on "Pioneer Women" referring particularly to those who settled on each side of the Ottawa River at Hull. Mrs. Somerville also read an account of the life of the heroic Lady Latour.

In February Lady Pope, Regent of the Municipal Chapter of the I.O.D.E., read a most comprehensive report of the patriotic activities of the different primary Chapters in Ottawa for the duration of the war.

On March 14th the Society had the pleasure of listening to a paper by Fire Chief Graham on the Evolution of the Ottawa Fire system from 1847 to the present day. A description was given of the primitive methods of fire fighting, and of the gradual change from those methods to the motor system at present in use.

Mrs. Galway followed with an account of patriotic work accomplished by the Ottawa Women's Canadian Club from its inception at the beginning of hostilities 1914, when Belgian Relief work was organized by the President, Mrs. W. T. Herridge, up to March 17th, 1919, when war work was closed. Approximately the sum of $254,953 was raised by the different committees during that period.

The Society was represented at the Royal Society by Mrs. J. M. Somerville who read a short account of the year's work. An invitation was extended to the members of the Royal Society to visit the Bytown Museum on May 24th.

Mrs. Somerville was also appointed a delegate to attend the annual meeting of the Ontario Historical Society, held at Toronto, in June.

The representatives to the Local Council of Women, with which this Society is affiliated, are the President, Mrs. J. B. Simpson, Mrs. Somerville, Mme. J. E. Roy and Miss Hamilton.

We regret to report the loss by death of several members of the Society among whom were Mme. Rheaume, Vice-President, for many years a most valuable Officer, and Miss Lina Rothwell, Treasurer of the Society for a long period. The following resolution was sent to Miss Rothwell's sister:

> "Whereas, we, the members of the O.W.C.H.S., having learned with deep regret of the death of Miss Rothwell, for many years a valuable Officer of this Society desire to extend our profound sympathy to the members of her family in their bereavement, and
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> BE IT RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to Miss Rothwell's sister, the Secretary at the same time will inform her of the Society's intention to have Miss Rothwell's name placed on the list of Honorary Members."

The Society also sincerely regrets the passing of Mr. J. D. Fraser who had so kindly audited the accounts for many years.,

Mr. W. M. Dunlop, Chartered Accountant, has consented to audit the Treasurer's statement for the current year.

Thanks are due to the Press for kindly notices of all our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. GULLOCK,

Hon. Recording Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT

of

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA
YEAR 1918-1919

When, a year ago, came the time for the pleasant duty of making the report for the Historical Society, war and all its attendant horrors stalked thro' our land as a mighty giant in whose shadow all things were engulfed. As this Spring's bright sunshine brings to us the message of the annual rebirth of flowers and Summer joys, the blessed message of peace is also being promised us and, as those intensely interested in the history of our country, we can but feel that these days are passing full of wonderful events, having for their centre, not the blood stained battlefield; but the beautiful room in the beautiful Palace of Versailles, which, thanks to a wise and overruling Providence was not sullied by any touch of the hands of the Huns.

Not a day that passes on its winged way but bears the thoughts of all true Canadians to those men labouring, so wisely and so well, that the world may be safer for little children and that the flower of the youth of another generation may be spared the trial by fire through which have passed the splendor and the wonder of our times—our boys who went overseas. To us they have given an example of devotion to their country, of unselfish sacrifice, of unchallenged nobility of character that, if we but follow from afar, shall make us no mean citizens of no mean country.

Peace is very dear to us and we are all longing for the hour that shall proclaim it in no uncertain way but, without this war, should we have realized the greatness in the heroic simplicity of our men and the unstinted devotion of our women?

We are standing in the midst of very troublous times of unrest —a feeling of "What will come next?" seems to pervade all atmospheres and surely no other forces will be as great in stabilizing our

affairs to-day as the unselfish patriotism and simple faith that upheld us during the last four years. To-day opportunity gives to all Canadians a chance to do something for their Country and whether we work for Canada or for the Bolsheviki will be shown plainly before another annual report of the Historical Society goes to press.

Turning now to the correspondence relating to our Society: The requests for our publications have been complied with as received. The request from the Library of Congress in Washington for the Annual Report 1913-1914, was answered in full after many months, for we were fortunate at the last to find a copy which was sent at once. We are again in receipt of exchanges from Sweden—an indication that the postal regulations have become normal.

The usual American and Canadian exchanges have been received and acknowledged during the year.

In April we received the invitation of the Royal Society of Canada to attend the May meeting. This was accepted. An invitation was sent to the members of the Hist. Landmarks and R. S. of Canada to visit the museum. On the 23rd of May a request was preferred to the Carnegie Library that we be allowed to hold our meetings in the Lecture Room. This was most advantageously arranged for us by Mr. Sykes.

The programme and documents relating to the American Historical Association were received about this time and on the 18th of the month we received the invitation of the Historic Landmarks Association to attend their meeting on the 21st. This was cordially accepted.

Some questions having arisen as to our status under the Goverment Charity's Act, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Provincial Secretary as to the necessity of being incorporated under a charter. Most exhaustive papers were forwarded to us and an illuminating letter which led us to conclude immediately that it would be useless to apply for a charter under existing circumstances.

In June the programme of the Ontario Historical Society was received. In this month also the usual request for our grant was

forwarded to the Provincial Treasury Department; the grant being received on the 14th of June, 1918.

Miss Gilkison of Brantford, showed heri nterest in our report by sending us a most delightful letter of congratulation in July, and a gift for our Museum.

Following a plan that had been outlined some time ago for the work in the schools of the city, we wrote in September asking that certain schools be allowed to visit the Museum.

The influenza epidemic put an end to this programme as it did to so many others, but the teachers' answer leads us to believe that at a suitable time we may renew this plan to the great advantage of the pupils and of the Historical Society.

At this point my pen may well falter for the record of our letters of condolence shows that we have had to write to so many: To Lady Laurier, the death of whose husband, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was a deplorable loss to a country for which he gave of all his great gifts continously and to the very end; to Mrs. McTavish, of whom the same might be written, and to Mrs. John Fraser whose husband had also spent his life for the good of this Canada of ours; to Mrs. Bligh and to Mrs. Simpson we had also to extend our sincerest sympathy.

Madame Lelièvre, in writing of that boy, who with the halo of glory and sacrifice we have placed above the heads of those young aviators who have flown far above this old earth, sends a message well worth the keeping, "I pray God to give me the courage to make my sacrifice as nobly as he did his and thus prove myself his worthy mother."

Of the loss the Society has sustained in the deaths of members like Madame Rhéaume, Miss Rothwell, Miss Northwood, Mrs. Gemmell and Mrs. Horsey, one can only say they seem irreparable. We bow our heads before the great Reaper though, as we face the duties of another year, we cannot hide the fact that tears for those we shall miss so greatly have for the time dimmed our vision and we look backward more easily than forward to where those familiar forms and faces are no more.

Out of the termoil of the war broke the mad whistles and bell ringing that brought Armistice Day to its dawning. And we, rousing ourselves to the questions of the time, felt that a record of the work of the women who had done so nobly in the war should be kept in the archives.

In November a circular was issued to all organizations of women in Ottawa, who had done war work in any place, and most gratifying have been the results. The compiled result of this work will form a most interesting volume and it is hoped to make it as complete as possible. The Correspondence latterly has had largely to do with this phase of our work.

A letter was received from Mr. E. Green regarding a map he wished to present to the Museum. This map has been received. It is a large map of about 1863, and as it anti-dates the arrival of the Federal Government in Ottawa is quite a valuable addition to our files.

Letters of thanks for interesting and valuable gifts to the Museum have been sent to Mrs. Byce, Archdeacon Mackay, Mr. Fred Cook, Miss Gilkinson and others.

ALBERTA THERESE SOMERVILLE,

Honorary Corresponding Secretary.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

1919.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance in Bank, March 29th, 1918	$ 22 26	
Members fees, 1918-1919	39 50	
Government grant	200 00	
Sale of transactions	4 91	
Bank Interest	3 14	
Admission Fees—Bytown Hist. Museum	8 43	
Voluntary Contribution	01	
Refund—Ways and Means Committee	30 92	
		$309 17

EXPENDITURE.

By Post cards, $7.50; Stationery, 20c.	$ 7 70	
Membership cards	2 00	
Postage inclusive of War tax	6 00	
Printing Annual Reports of Society	60 00	
Affiliation fees to other Societies	7 00	
Paste for scrap books	1 05	
Messenger service	55	
Expenses for Musuem, picture framing &c.,,	16 08	
	$100 38	
Balance on Hand March 29th, 1919	208 79	
		$309 17

Respectfully submitted,

L. GRACE BISHOP,

Honorary Treasurer.

Ottawa, March 24th, 1919.

Audited and found correct.

JAMES PERRSE JOYNT.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN, 1918-1919.

The following books, pamphlets, etc., have been received and catalogued since our last annual meeting:—

Sons of the Revolution.

Western Reserve Hist. Society, Cleveland.

Archaeological Collection of Western Reserve Society, Cleveland.

Journal of Michael Walters, Cleveland.

The Underground Railroad, Cleveland.

York Pioneer Hist. Society, 1918.

Missouri Hist. Society, 1918.

Royal Society of Canada, four volumes of Transactions, their Programme, 1918.

Minnesota Hist. Bulletin, 1915—1916, 1917—1918.

Washington Hist. Quarterly, 1918.

Pennsylvania Hist. Magazine, 1918.

Archaeological Report, Stockholm.

Waterloo Hist. Society.

Texas State Hist. Society.

Lennox and Addington Hist. Society.

Liberty Bell from Los Angles, 1918.

Canada's War Efforts, 1914-1918.

Farm Life Sixty Years Ago.

Waifs in Verse by G. W. Wicksteed, Q.C., presented by Mrs. Pulford.

Memorial of Charles Belduin, L.L., &c.

Whirlpool Heights by Mrs. E. Cruikshank, presented by the Author.

Holy Bible, 2 Vols., 1795,
Presented by Mrs. LeFebre Maingy.

Sinking of H.M.S. Llandovery Castle,

Sacrifice the Price of Victory,

"The Quality of Mercy,"

Black States of Prussia,

New Settlement on Lake Erie,

Five Pamphlets,

Gifts from Mr. L. N. Rheaume.

M.S.S. Militia Transactions from 1812 to 1858.

Lambarts and Baron de Humbolts Chincona forests of South America, London, 1821.

A Treatise by J. Clark, Farrier to His Majesty of Scotland Edinburgh, 1790.

Historic Landmarks Association of Canada.

The Bytown Ottawa Advocate, Feb. 4th, 1845.

The Mirror, for a year, presented by Mrs. Simpson.

Our Annual Report has been sent to all our Exchange List and circulated at our meetings.

No Transactions were published this year.

Respectfully submitted.

EVA G. READ,

Librarian.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE WOMEN'S CANADIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OTTAWA.

1. First Constitution, with list of members 1898.
2. Catalogue of first Loan Exhibit, 1899.
3. Catalogue of second Loan Exhibit, 1907.
4. Constitution, revised, 1910.
5. "Historical Sketch of the One Hundredth Prince of Wales Royal Canadian Regiment."
6. "Origin of the Cornwall and Williamsburg Canals."
7. "Lachine Canal."
8. Transactions, Vol. 1. "Early History of Ottawa and Counties, etc."
9. Transactions, Vol. II. "The Waterways of Canada."
10. Transactions, Vol. III. "Early History of Ottawa and Hull."
11. Transactions, Vol. IV. "Early History of Townships, etc."
12. Transactions, Vol. V. "The Battlegrounds of Canada."
13. Transactions, Vol. VI. "Treaties Relating to Canada, 1632-1871."
14. Transactions, Vol. I. Reprint.
15. Transactions, Vol. VII.
16. Report of first decade, 1908-9. Reprint.
17. Annual Report, 1909-10.
18. Annual Report, 1910-11.
19. Annual Report, 1911-12.
20. Annual Report, 1912-13.
21. Annual Report, 1913-14.
22. Annual Report, 1914-15.
23. Annual Report, 1915-16.
24. Annual Report, 1916-17.
25. Annual Report, 1917-18.
26. Annual Report, 1918-19.

EXCHANGE LIST.

Archives, Dominion, Ottawa.
Archives, Provincial, Toronto.
American Historical Association.
Acadia University, Wolfeville, N.S.
Brant Historical Society.
Buffalo Historical Society.
Boston State Library.
Champlain Society.
Department of Education, Toronto.
Essex Historical Society.
Elgin Historical and Scientific Institute.
Grovenor Library, Buffalo, N.Y.
Huron Institute.
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, Pa.
Historic Landmarks Association of Canada.
Inspector Ontario Public Libraries, Toronto.
Iowa State Historical Society.
John Crearer Library, Chicago.
Kansas State Historical Society.
Kent Historical Society.
Lennox and Addington Historical Society.
Literary and Historical Society ,Quebec.
Library of Parliament, Ottawa.
Library of Congress, Washington.
Lundy's Lane Historical Society.
London and Middlesex Historical Society.
McGill University, Montreal.
Manitoba Provincial Library.
Mississquoi Historical Society.
Massachusetts Historical Society.
Missouri State Historical Society.
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, Minn.
New Brunswick Historical Society.
Nova Scotia Historical Society.
Niagara Historical Society.
New York Historical Society.
New Hampshire State Library.
Ontario Parliamentary Library.
Ontario Historical Society.
Ottawa Carnegie Library.
Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus, O.
Royal Society of Canada.
Royal Colonial Institute, London, England.
Royal Academy of History, etc., Stockholm.
Thunder Bay Historical Society.
Texas State Historical Society.
United Empire Loyalist Association.
University of Toronto.
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie.
Women's Wentworth Historical Society.
Women's Canadian Historical Society, Toronto.
Women's Elgin Historical Society.
Waterloo Historical Society.
Wisconsin Historical Society.
Western Reserve Historical Society, Cleveland, Ohio.
York Pioneer Historical Society.

GIFTS AND LOANS.

The W.C.H.S. of Ottawa, in its building on Nicholas St., Ottawa, maintains a Museum for the preservation of relics, pictures and documents associated with the history of Ottawa and adjoining territnry. Many articles have been donated and loaned to the Society and are cared for in the Museum for the education of posterity.

Pictures, documents and articles having historic association are earnestly solicited.

The Bytown Historical Museum is open to visitors on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from three until six.